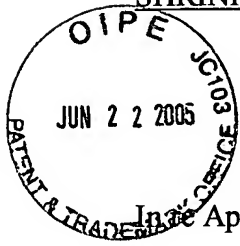


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**AFFIDAVIT OF GREGORY O'CONNELL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

1. I am over twenty-one years of age, have never been convicted of a felony, and am fully capable, competent and authorized to make this Affidavit. I am acquainted with and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and they are all true and correct.
2. I am the named inventor of the subject invention, and I have over twenty years of experience in retail sales.
3. I first started work on this invention in 2000 by researching the need to account for retail "shrink." My basic concept of the invention at its first conception was complete by no later than June 2000. Between June 2000 and February 2002, I diligently worked on the invention by

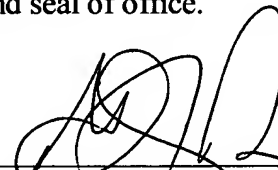
exploring different methods and procedures to incorporate into the process.

4. By late February 2002, I had finished development of the basic elements in the process. I first met with patent counsel, Mr. Scott Hemingway, in October or November 2002. I met with Mr. Hemingway to discuss several particulars of the invention. I retained Mr. Hemingway to prepare and file a patent application, and I provided Mr. Hemingway with details on the operation of the invention and how the invention was to be implemented. The first draft of the application was provided to me no later than February 1, 2003. Thereafter, I reviewed the application and approved its filing on July 7, 2003.



Gregory O'Connell

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this 10 day of June, 2005, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

  
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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